

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
AMENITIES AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Amenities & Open Spaces Committee** which was held in **The Assembly Room, Marlborough Town Hall** on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 at 8.05 pm

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Councillor Donald Heath	Chairman
	Councillor Mark Cooper	Town Mayor
	Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton	
	Councillor Lisa Farrell	
	Councillor Vanessa Hillier	

<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Richard Spencer-Williams	Town Clerk
	Nigel Weatherly	Grounds Manager
	Dawn Whitehall	Administrator
	Neil Goodwin	Marlborough.News

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**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A handwritten question had been submitted and signed by sixteen people asking: "We residents and affected locals ask that the Priory Gardens gate be locked at the end of the day to help facilitate a more peaceful environment"

**RESOLVED:** that this request should be considered in detail by the A&OS Working Party, to make recommendations to the appropriate Committee

**172/21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Ross, Waltham and Thomas.**

**173/21 DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations.

**174/21 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Members would be pleased to hear a bench had been installed at Stonebridge Meadow and was already being well used.

Dog waste bins had been installed at the top of Cherry Orchard and were being well used and emptied regularly.

**175/21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held 21 June 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**176/21 TOWN CLERK'S ACTION LOG REPORT**

Members noted the Town Clerk's report and that a productive meeting had taken place at Churchill Court concerning maintenance of trees along the riverbank.

**177/21 GROUNDS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Members noted the Grounds Manager's Report. The Grounds Manager answered questions relating to Marlborough in Bloom, the Salisbury Road Workshop, Wye House Gardens play equipment, tractors, and waste bins at Marlborough Cemetery. He agreed to provide an up-to-date inventory of equipment.

**ACTION:** Grounds Manager to provide an updated inventory list.

**178/21 TREE PLANTING FOR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Members considered a proposal for tree planting to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee on 2 June 2022. Whilst it would be good to plant a symbolic tree on the day,

the Grounds Manager advised that this was not the best season to plant trees and perhaps a series of events could be planned. The **Town Mayor** confirmed that the tree planting would form part of a broader Jubilee celebration to be planned for the town.

**RESOLVED:** that the Grounds Manager was asked to draw up a proposal of locations and suitable trees to be planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

**ACTION** for the Grounds Manager to draw up a proposal for suitable locations for planting trees to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee

**179/21 REQUEST FOR DOG WASTE BIN AT MANTON HOLLOW**

Members considered a request from a member of the public for the installation of a dog waste bin at the junction of footpath MARL1 and Manton Hollow. The **Mayor** confirmed that this was a well-used path. If the Town Council went ahead it should make sure the bin was clearly branded as provided by Marlborough Town Council. The Grounds Manager was asked to investigate costs for consideration at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED:** that the request for a bin at MARL1/Manton Hollow is approved in principle subject to satisfactory costs

**ACTION** for the Grounds Manager to prepare a costing for the placement of a bin at MARL1/Manton Hollow

**180/21 CEMETERIES**

**RESOLVED:** (i) that issued grants of Exclusive Rights of Burial were noted

**RESOLVED:** (ii) that recently approved memorials and inscriptions were noted

**181/21 MARLBOROUGH ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Members noted the minutes of the Allotment Association meeting held 26 July 2021.

**182/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted

*Mr Goodwin left the room*

**183/21 GROUNDS SERVICES WORKSHOP AND TOOLS**

Following a break-in at the Salisbury Road workshop where hand tools had been stolen, security grates had been fitted and an insurance claim had been settled, leaving a deficit which could be covered by the Workshop Tools budget line. Replacement tools had been researched and, in line with the Town Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency and following visits to other Council that were using electric tools, replacements were proposed which would be battery powered rather than petrol powered with one exception.

**RESOLVED:** that the purchase of new tools was agreed

**ACTION** Town Clerk/Grounds Manager to purchase new tools

The meeting closed at 8.48 pm

Signed: .....

Chairman

Date: .....